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- 1. CONCERNING THE SUB-TOPICS UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, WE ACCEPT THE TITLES SUGGESTED BY MRS. MANALO AS FORWARDED REFTEL.
- 2. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE AGENDA ITEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEALING WITH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE AGENDA TITLE SUGGESTED BY MRS. MANALO. TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH OUR CONCERNS, WE SUGGEST THAT WE USE THE TITLE "ASEAN-US COOPERATION ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS." ICA DIRECTOR REINHARDT WILL MAKE CLEAR IN HIS PRESENTATION THAT WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING INVOLVES A REGIONAL PROGRAM DISTINCT FROM THE EXISTING

BILATERAL PROGRAMS.

3. BECAUSE OF THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT 11:30 AM ON AUGUST 4, WE HAVE HAD TO MAKE SOME REARRANGEMENTS IN THE SCHEDULING OF THE AGENDA ITEMS. WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, IS TO SCHEDULE THE AGENDA

ITEMS ON OPIC AND EXIM AS THE LAST TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 3. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO HAVE THE SESSION EXTENDED TO 6:00PM. THESE TWO ITEMS WILL FIT RATHER NATURALLY FOLLOWING THE ITEM "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ASEAN-US BUSINESS RELATIONS." HAVING MOVED THE OPIC ITEM TO THURSDAY AFTERNOON, WE FURTHER PROPOSE THAT WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY TO BE AGENDA ITEM 10 "US INVESTMENT POLICY" NOW BE RETITLED "US TAX POLICY (TAX DEFERRAL)." THIS AGENDA ITEM COULD BE USED TO DISCUSS ASEAN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO US TAX POLICIES RELATING TO OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WHILE SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IS IN THE CHAIR.

3. WE ALSO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO THE TIMING OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE. BECAUSE OF US PRESS DEADLINES, IT WOULD BE TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. TO ACCOMMODATE THIS, WE PROPOSE THAT THE AGENDA ITEM COVERING ADOPTION OF A JOINT STATEMENT AND SUMMARY RECORD BE MOVED UP TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2:30PM ON AUGUST 4. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE CONDUCTED AT 3:00PM IN THE WEST AUDITORIUM OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. CONSIDERING THE HEAVY AGENDA WE HAVE TO COVER, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE CONFERENCE CONTINUE CONDUCTING BUSINESS WHILE THE PRESS CONFERENCE IS GOING ON AND CONTINUE ON TO A 5:15PM CLOSING. CONCURRENCE ON THE COMPLETE SUMMARY RECORD WOULD BE COMPLETED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AS WAS DONE FOLLOWING TALKS IN MANILA LAST SEPTEMBER.

- WE WILL CABLE DETAILED VERSION OF OUR PROPOSED AGENDA SCHEDULING TOMORROW.
- 5. ONE FURTHER CHANGE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, THE TIME FOR THE BREAKFAST WITH HOUSE LEADERS ON AUGUST 3 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 9:00-10:00AM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT MAY RUN A FEW MINUTES BEYOND THAT SO LONG AS EVERYONE CAN GET TO THE CONFERENCE SITE IN TIME FOR THE 10:30AM OPENING SESSION. CHRISTOPHER

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